

Monday, August 31, 1998

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Three bills were introduced, as follows: S. 2426–2428. Page S9689

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:
Reported on Tuesday, August 25, during the adjournment:

S. 2131, to provide for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–286)

S. 2359, to amend the National Environmental Education Act to extend the programs under the Act. (S. Rept. No. 105–287)

S. 1398, to extend certain contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and irrigation water contractors in Wyoming and Nebraska that receive water from Glendo Reservoir, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–288)

S. 2087, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain works, facilities, and titles of the Gila Project, and designated lands within or adjacent to the Gila Project, to the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–289)

S. 2171, to extend the deadline under the Federal Power Act applicable to the construction of a hydroelectric project in the State of Arkansas. (S. Rept. No. 105–290)

H.R. 449, to provide for the orderly disposal of certain Federal lands in Clark County, Nevada, and to provide for the acquisition of environmentally sensitive lands in the State of Nevada. (S. Rept. No. 105–291)

H.R. 2886, to provide for a demonstration project in the Stanislaus National Forest, California, under which a private contractor will perform multiple resource management activities for that unit of the National Forest System, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 105–292)

H.R. 3796, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey the administrative site for the Rogue River National Forest and use the proceeds for the construction or improvement of offices and support buildings for the Rogue River National Forest and the Bureau of Land Management, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 105–293)

S. 1397, to establish a commission to assist in commemoration of the centennial of powered flight and the achievements of the Wright brothers, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 105–294)

H.R. 930, to require Federal employees to use Federal travel charge cards for all payments of expenses of official Government travel, to amend title 31, United States Code, to establish requirements for prepayment audits of Federal agency transportation expenses, to authorize reimbursement of Federal agency employees for taxes incurred on travel or transportation reimbursements, and to authorize test programs for the payment of Federal employee travel expenses and relocation expenses, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105–295)

H.R. 3096, to correct a provision relating to termination of benefits for convicted persons. (S. Rept. No. 105–296)

S. Con. Res. 82, expressing the sense of Congress concerning the worldwide trafficking of persons, that has a disproportionate impact on women and girls, and is condemned by the international community as a violation of fundamental human rights, with an amendment. Pages S9688–89

Measures Passed:

Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations, 1999:
Pursuant to the order of July 22, 1998, Senate passed H.R. 4276, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 2260, as passed by the Senate. Page S9713

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and pursuant to the order of July 22, 1998, the Chair appointed the

following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Gregg, Stevens, Domenici, McConnell, Hutchison, Campbell, Cochran, Hollings, Inouye, Bumpers, Lautenberg, Mikulski, and Byrd.

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Subsequently, passage of S. 2260 was vitiated and the bill was indefinitely postponed.

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Removal of Injunction of Secrecy: The injunction of secrecy was removed from the following treaty:

Treaty with Guatemala for return of Stolen, Robbed, Embezzled or Appropriated Vehicles and Aircraft (Treaty Doc. 105-58);

The treaty was transmitted to the Senate today, considered as having been read for the first time, and referred, with accompanying papers, to the Committee on Foreign Relations and was ordered to be printed.

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Executive Reports of Committees: Senate received the following executive report of a committee:

Received on August 25, 1998, during the adjournment of the Senate:

Treaty Doc. 95-2 B (formerly Ex. B., 95-1), Montreal Protocol No. 4 to Amend the Convention for the Unification of Certain Rules Relating to International Carriage by Air, with one declaration and two provisos. (Exec. Rept. No. 105-20)

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Appointment:

National Skill Standards Board: The Chair announced the following appointment made by the Democratic Leader during the August recess: Pursuant to the provisions of Public Law 103-227, the appointment of Barbara Kairson, of New York, as the Representative of Labor to the National Skill Standards Board, effective August 13, 1998.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Peter J. Basso, Jr., of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

H. Dean Buttram, Jr., of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

Inge Prytz Johnson, of Alabama, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Alabama.

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Recess: Senate convened at 12 noon, and recessed at 3:59 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Tuesday, September 1, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9714.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House will next meet at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, September 9.

Committee Meetings

DC PUBLIC SCHOOLS READINESS STATUS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: On August 26, the Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held a hearing on the Status of the District

of Columbia Public Schools Readiness for the 1998-1999 School Year. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Public Schools of the District of Columbia: Arlene Ackerman, Superintendent and CEO; and Wilma Harvey, President, Board of Education; Col. Bruce A. Berwick, USA, Commander and District Engineer, Baltimore District, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; Arthur Turowski, Director, Portfolio Management for Public Buildings Service/National Capital Region, GSA; Constance Newman, Vice-Chairman, District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and